

Safety & Transportation Committee Meeting
5 October 2006
MINUTES

Chairman Tarr called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Present:	Hon. John H. Tarr, Chairman	Others Present:
	Hon. David Ross	Mr. John Nelson Jester
	Hon. Glenn Wolffe	
	Mr. Edward Lewis, Chief of Police	
	Mr. Bryan Rush, Emerg. Svcs. Coord.	
	Mr. Jack Van Dame, Trolley Manager	
	Mr. Rob Ritter, Town Manager	

Public Participation

- Mr. Dennis Cope explained the complications he experienced at the local radio station during Tropical Storm Ernesto.

Dr. Wolffe motioned, seconded by Mr. Ross, to adopt the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

1. Emergency Management Report

A. Tropical Depression Ernesto – Mr. Rush updated the members on Federal Disaster Assistance for the Town. He added that the Town will be eligible for about 75% of the assistance funds.

B. Reverse 911 Results – Mr. Rush stated the system was utilized during the storm to inform residents that the causeway was closed. There was a brief discussion about ways to improve the system.

C. Pandemic Flu – Mr. Rush reported that the summit was held on August 8 to inform localities about planning for the flu as well as other illnesses.

D. Supplies – Mr. Rush stated that he was contacted by several vendors that sell prepackaged meals. He stated that the meals have a shelf-life of two years, but are quite expensive. Mr. Rush did not recommend purchasing the prepackaged meals at this time.

E. Planning – Mr. Rush asked Mr. Jester if he had anything he thought should be added to the Disaster Plan. Mr. Jester offered several suggestions for the plan. Mr. Rush stated that he and Mr. Jester will meet to discuss the plan further.

F. Communications – Mr. Rush stated that the Charter Communications franchise states that the Town has voice-over capability to send an emergency information message to cable subscribers during regularly scheduled programs.

G. Training – Mr. Rush stated that he will attend the annual VDEM Coordinators Briefing as well as a conference in Williamsburg in November. He also stated that his staff and the Fire Company will train children at the local schools and day cares during Fire Prevention Week.

2. Closed Meeting in Accordance with Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia

Dr. Wolffe motioned, seconded by Mr. Ross, to convene a closed meeting to discuss police legal matters. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Wolffe motioned, seconded by Mr. Ross, to reconvene in regular session. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Ross motioned, seconded by Dr. Wolffe, to adopt a resolution of certification of the closed meeting.

WHEREAS, the Chincoteague Safety & Transportation Committee has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Committee that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chincoteague Safety & Transportation Committee hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Committee.

VOTE: Ayes- Ross, Tarr, Wolffe
Nays- None
Absent- None

Mr. Ross motioned, seconded by Dr. Wolffe, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 2, 2006 at 5:30 pm.